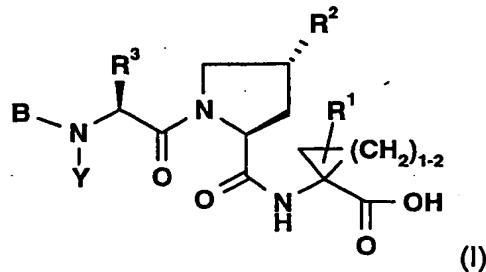


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## ABSTRACT

Racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of a compound of formula (I):



wherein **B** is H, a C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>7-16</sub> aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which  
 5 optionally substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy; C<sub>1-6</sub> alkanoyl; hydroxy;  
 hydroxyalkyl; halo; haloalkyl; nitro; cyano; cyanoalkyl; amino optionally substituted  
 with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide; or  
**B** is an acyl derivative of formula R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-; a carboxyl of formula R<sub>4</sub>-O-C(O)-; an  
 amide of formula R<sub>4</sub>-N(R<sub>5</sub>)-C(O)-; a thioamide of formula R<sub>4</sub>-N(R<sub>5</sub>)-C(S)-; or a  
 10 sulfonyl of formula R<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>5</sub> is H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; and  
**Y** is H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;  
 R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, or C<sub>4-10</sub> alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with  
 hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> thioalkyl, amido, (lower alkyl)amido, C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>10</sub> aryl, or C<sub>7-16</sub>  
 aralkyl;  
 15 R<sub>2</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>20</sub>, NH-R<sub>20</sub>, O-R<sub>20</sub> or S-R<sub>20</sub>, wherein R<sub>20</sub> is a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>3-7</sub>  
 cycloalkyl or C<sub>4-10</sub> (alkylcycloalkyl), all of which being optionally mono-, di- or tri-  
 substituted with R<sub>21</sub>,  
 or R<sub>20</sub> is a C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>10</sub> aryl or C<sub>7-14</sub> aralkyl optionally substituted, or R<sub>20</sub> is Het or (lower  
 alkyl)-Het, both optionally substituted, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; carboxyl;  
 20 carboxy(lower alkyl); C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>7-14</sub> aralkyl or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or Het  
 being optionally substituted; and  
 R<sup>1</sup> is H; C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, or C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, all optionally  
 substituted with halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.